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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the town elections and special state elections in the towns of Hull, Marshfield and Norwell (House, No. 4043), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 26.

Hull, Marshfield
and Norwell,—
elections.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2(B) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report detailing the number of recipients exempt from having a photo on their electronic benefit transfer card; and

EBT cards.

From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 4 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014) submitting the inaugural report on its work for 2015;

Domestic
violence.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

A report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Section 2(B) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) detailing eligible noncitizens receiving transitional aid to families with dependent children; and

AFDC,—
eligible
noncitizens.

An annual report of the District Attorney for the Plymouth District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to the number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants in 2015;

Plymouth
County,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and John F. Keenan for legislation to waive certain fees for retired registered nurses.

Nurses,—
fees.

By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement over a certain parcel of land in the town of Dracut.

Dracut,—
land.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Raymond M. Lee relative to condominium owners' rights.

Condominium
owners' rights.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to comply with the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (printed in House, No. 3848), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Uniform
Interstate
Family Support
Act.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish accept [sic] forthwith the revised Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill relative to HIV-associated lipodystrophy syndrome treatment (Senate, No. 2137) (on Senate bill No. 618), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Lipodystrophy
syndrome.

A Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain property in the town of Salisbury (Senate, No. 1095, amended in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word “contrary” the following: “, but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of said chapter 30B”) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Salisbury,—
land.

Reports

Of the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 119) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to improve housing opportunities and the Massachusetts economy,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Housing;

Housing
opportunities.

Of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1084) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation relative to constitutional rights,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Weapons, etc.,—
right to bear
arms.

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1206) of Marc R. Pacheco, James J. O'Day, Chris Walsh, Thomas M. McGee and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to patient safety,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing;

Patient
safety.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1996) of Kay Khan and others relative to further regulating health care costs and the dispensing of controlled substances,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Controlled
substances.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 3688, a Bill authorizing the town of Saugus to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Saugus Veteran's Relief Fund (House, No. 4031) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Saugus,—
tax bills.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House;

The Senate Bill relative to segregated reserve funds in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 1999) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
fund.

The House Bill designating March as Fibromuscular Dysplasia awareness month (House, No. 3524);

Fibromuscular
Dysplasia
month.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to concussion prevention (House, No. 1881).

Concussion
prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1130 and House, No. 1997, a Bill to protect sports medicine professionals (House, No. 1997).

Sports medicine
professionals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1156 and House, No. 1998, a Bill relative to certified professional midwives (House, No. 1998).

Midwives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1124 and House, No. 1914, a Bill relative to safe patient handling in certain health facilities (House, No. 4039).

Safe patient
handling.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1064, a Bill creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, and other developmental disabilities (House, No. 4040).

College, etc.,—
students with
disabilities.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 771, a Bill to prohibit licensing by the

Saugus,—
Wheelabrator
facility.

Department of Environmental Protection at the Wheelabrator facility in the town of Saugus (House, No. 4041).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to continue tax basis rules for property acquired from descendants (House No. 2649).

Acquired property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2458 and 2480, a Bill relative to the schedule of payment of estimated corporate taxes (House, No. 4027).

Corporate taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2462, 2537, 2688 and 3908, a Bill to modernize municipal finance and government (House, No. 4032).

Municipal finance.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cost of veteran higher education (House No. 3126).

Veterans,—higher education.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 2451, a Bill relative to exempted accommodations (House, No. 4026).

Lodging,—tax exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2465, 2483 and 2681, a Bill relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems (House, No. 4028).

Solar and wind systems,—tax exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2476, a Bill relative to tax abatements for disabled veterans (House, No. 4029).

Veterans,—tax abatements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2524, a Bill relative to the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4030).

Seniors,—property taxes.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to election ballots (House, No. 3160).

Veterans,—ballot identification.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric Burton, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 3823), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Eric Burton,—sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to Dartmouth Fire District No. 2 (House, No. 3875); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carlo Casarano, an employee of the

Third reading bills.

Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 4004);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Northampton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3796) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Northampton,—
liquor licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4042), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At half past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.